

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 8-14, 38-43, 46, 89 and 100 are pending in this application. Claims 8-14, 38-43, 46, 89 and 100 are rejected. Applicant has amended claims 8, 9, 11, 14, 38, 43 and 89. New claims 108 through 117 have been added.

The Examiner rejected claims under Wang in view of Bodicker. Applicant does not admit that either Wong or Bodicker are proper prior art, and reserves the right to swear behind these references.

Wang discusses an adjunctive ultrasound mammography system and, as understood, simply stands for the concept that a film-based image may be placed on a light box adjacent to a display of a digitized, CAD-processed version thereof. Bodicker, as understood, simply discloses a method for pre-arranging a time sequence in which digital CAD-analyzed medical images can be displayed. However, neither Wang nor Bodicker teaches or suggests an autoload logic to enable a technician to associate a plurality of film-based medical images with appropriate lightbox buttons, where the lightbox button layout corresponds to lightboxes on which the film-based medical images are placed. -According to one aspect of the present invention, a fundamental concept is the association between (i) a relative spatial location of the actual medical image (i.e. film) with (II) a relative spatial location of an indicator in the digital display (lightbox button). This makes CAD-assisted review of medical images easier by automatically calling up A proper CAD-processed digital medical image in response to selection of a lightbox button that has a natural, intuitive correspondence with the examined film-based medical image, because its position relative to the other lightbox buttons is the same as the position of the examined film-based medical image relative

to the other film-based medical images. Thus, the "an autoload logic to enable a technician to individually associate a plurality of CAD-processed digitized medical images with a corresponding plurality of lightbox buttons" indicates that a single set of icon buttons are placed in spatial correspondence with a single set of wall-mounted films.

Neither Wang nor Bodicker teaches or suggests this concept. Therefore, no combination of Bodicker and Wang could make obvious the pending claims.


Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the amendments and discussion set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome. Accordingly, the present and amended claims should be found to be in condition for allowance.

If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Judith Szepesi at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges/credits, please charge/credit our deposit account no. 02-2666.

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